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A1 –Alberta Hunter *I Got Myself A Workin' Man* 3:14 A2 –Lucille Hegamin *St. Louis Blues* 3:30 A3 –Victoria Spivey *Black Snake Blues* 4:06 A4 –Alberta Hunter *I Got A Mind To Ramble* 2:39 A5 –Lucille Hegamin *You'll Want My Love* 2:56 A6 –Victoria Spivey *Going Blues* 4:44 B1 –Alberta Hunter *You Gotta Reap Just What You Sow* 2:40 B2 –Lucille Hegamin *Arkansas Blues* 3:37 B3 –Victoria Spivey *I Got The Blues So Bad* 3:07 B4 –Alberta Hunter *Chirpin' The Blues* 3:29 B5 –Lucille Hegamin *Has Anybody Seen My Corine* 4:35 B6 –Victoria Spivey *Let Him Beat Me* 2:57 Buster Bailey - Clarinet Gene Brooks - Drums Sidney DeParis - Trumpet, Tuba Henry Goodwin - Trumpet Lucille Hegamin - Vocals J.C. Higginbotham – Trombone Alberta Hunter - Vocals Cliff Jackson - Piano Cecil Scott - Clarinet, Sax (Tenor) Zutty Singleton - Drums Willie "The Lion" Smith - Piano Victoria Spivey - Piano, Vocals

Although Alberta Hunter, who had briefly come out of retirement, gets first billing on this CD reissue, in reality she shares the spotlight with two other veterans of the 1920s: Lucille Hegamin and Victoria Spivey. Each of the singers is featured on four songs apiece while backed by such top players as clarinetist Buster Bailey, trombonist J.C. Higginbotham, and Cliff Jackson or Willie "The Lion" Smith on piano. Hunter is in superior form on such numbers as "You Gotta Reap Just What You Sow" and "I Got a Mind to Ramble," although she would soon be out of music for another 15 years, continuing her work as a nurse. Hegamin (who had not recorded since 1932) was having a brief last hurrah, despite sounding good, and Spivey, reviving her "Black Snake Blues," would soon be launching her own Spivey label. This is a historic and enjoyable set recommended to both classic jazz and blues collectors. --- Scott Yanow, allmusic.com

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